

**National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges  
Behind the Bench Committee  
Annual Meeting Report 2024**

TO: National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges Board of Governors  
FROM: Michelle Harner, Chair of the Behind the Bench Committee  
DATE: June 22, 2024  
RE: Annual Meeting Report

The Behind the Bench Committee (the “Committee”) of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges (programming co-sponsored by the American Bankruptcy Institute) reports the following to the NCBJ Board of Governors for consideration at the NCBJ Annual Meeting:

1. This year is the third year of the Committee and the related educational sessions.
2. The Committee has developed four (possibly five) educational sessions for the 2024 programming year.<sup>1</sup> The January program focused on chapter 13 plan issues; the March program focused on chapter 11 developments (think DIP roll-ups, RSAs, etc.) and related legal issues; the May program focused on subchapter V issues; and the August program will focus on contempt issues. Additional details about these programs are below. In addition, the Committee may host a special edition BTB program on chapter 12 cases in November. The four main programs are as follows:

**January 23, 2024, 1:00 p.m., ET**

**Title: Chapter 13 Plan Issues: The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly**

Speakers: Judges Brian Lynch, Bianca Rucker, and Charles Walker, and Nancy Whaley

Moderator: Diana Santos Johnson (Blackshear alum)

**March 26, 2024, 1:00 p.m., ET**

**Title: Is that Coercion or Just a Bankruptcy Thing?**

Speakers: Judges David S. Jones, John Sherwood, and J. Kate Stickles, and Jamilla Willis

Moderator: Jordan Chavez (Next Gen alum)

**May 21, 2024, 1:00 p.m., ET**

**Title: Emerging Issues in Subchapter V Cases**

Speakers: Judges Paul Bonapfel and Eduardo Rodriguez and Jolene Wee

Moderator: Liz Nguyen (Blackshear alum)

**August 20, 2024, at 1:00 p.m., ET**

**Title: Yes, I Can Hold You in Contempt for That!**

Speakers: Judges Dan Collins, Bess Cresswell, and Sandra Klein

Moderator: Ms. Nisha Patel (NextGen and Blackshear alum)

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<sup>1</sup> As part of the programming, the Committee endeavors to involve NextGen and Blackshear alumni as moderators or case commentators.

3. The first educational session in January 2024, attracted over 900 registrants and over 500 attendees. The second educational session in March 2024, attracted over 500 registrants and approximately 300 attendees. The third educational session in May 2024, attracted almost 500 registrants and approximately 200 attendees. We anticipate similar attendance for the remaining program(s).

4. The Committee also added three members to its roster for the 2024 programming year. The Committee now consists of Judges Paul Baisier, Lisa Beckerman, Michelle Harner, and Elizabeth Gunn. The Committee appreciates the continued support of the NCBJ, including immediate past president Judge Dan Collins and current president Judge Cynthia Norton, and looks forward to working with incoming President Judge Jan Baer.